

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) with at least one front roof area (6), having a flexible covering (7) in the direction of travel (F), and a rigid rear roof area (4), including a rear window (5), **characterized in** that the front roof area (6) includes several lateral frame parts (9; 10) lying one behind the other, which can be folded toward each other, at least in a plurality of the essentially horizontal axes (31, 32, 43, 44; 39, 40, 41, 42), and can be covered by the rear roof area (4) in the stored position and that the frontmost (10) of the lateral frame parts (8; 9; 10) in the direction of travel (F) are connected via at least one cross-support (24) to a roof peak, which, in an opened roof state, is held in an unchanged orientation relative to a closed roof (2) state.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) ~~with at least one front roof area (6), having a flexible covering (7) in the direction of travel (F) and a rear rigid roof area (4), including a rear window (5), especially according to Claim 1,~~ **characterized in** that the front roof area (6) has several lateral frame parts (9; 10) lying one behind the other, and a rearmost lateral frame part (8) is a component of the rigid rear roof area (4).

4. (Previously presented) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 1, **characterized in** that the lateral frame parts (8; 9; 10) support the covering (7) through transverse convertible-top bows (21; 22; 23), in which at least one convertible-top bow (21) connected to the next to last frame part (9) is arranged in front of the rearmost frame part (8) and passes beneath the covering (7) when the roof is closed (2) and is released from it during roof opening.

5. (Previously presented) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 4, **characterized in** that the roof (2) includes three lateral frame parts (8; 9; 10) and the covering (97) is only connected to the frontmost (10) of these parts by means of a convertible-top bow connection (23).

6. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 5, **characterized in that** the covering is connected to ~~at the~~ roof peak, to a convertible-top bow (22), which can move with respect to the lateral frame parts (9) and to the rigid roof area (4) on its upper edge (26) and rear frame part (8), in addition to ~~at the~~ convertible-top bow (23) connected to the frontmost (10) of the frame parts.

7. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the rear roof area (4) is formed in the manner of a dome and has a transverse extent (11) of the rear window (5) that reaches ~~at the~~ lateral outside area of the dome.

8. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** to open the roof, in a first movement phase, the rear roof area (4) can be moved by means of a first movement mechanism (27a), with a lever (20), with the front roof area (6) still closed, ~~with an upward component~~ and, wherein in the position of the rear roof area (4) after the movement of the first movement mechanism (27a), a cover part (D) that covers ~~at the~~ storage space for the stored roof (2) opens, and then in the second movement phase the front roof area (6) can be moved by means of a second movement mechanism (27b) beneath the rear roof area (4) and, together with it, into the stored position within ~~at the~~ body.

9. (Original) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 8, **characterized in that** each movement mechanism (27a; 27b) includes a drive device (13; 29), and the drive device (13) of the first movement mechanism (27a) is not operated in the second movement phase and serves as a coupling.

10. (Previously presented) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 8, **characterized in that** both movement mechanisms (27a; 27b) are connected to each other through a coupling (28).

11. (Previously presented) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 8, **characterized in that** the first movement mechanism (27a) includes a four-link suspension (14;

15; 18; 19) to move the rear roof area (4).

12. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) with at least one front roof area (6), having a flexible covering (7) in the direction of travel (F), and a rigid rear roof area (4), including a rear window (5),

characterized in that the at least one front roof area (6) includes several lateral frame parts (9; 10) lying one behind the other, which can be folded toward each other, at least in a plurality of essentially horizontal axes, and where the lateral frame parts (9; 10) can be covered by the rear roof area (4) in the stored position; and

wherein the lateral frame parts (8; 9; 10) support the covering (7) through transverse convertible-top bows (21; 22; 23), in which at least one convertible-top bow (21) connected to the next to last frame part (9) is arranged in front of the rearmost frame part (8) and passes beneath the covering (7) when the roof is closed (2) and is released from it during roof opening.

13. (New) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 12, **characterized in** that the roof (2) includes three lateral frame parts (8; 9; 10) and the covering (7) is only connected to the frontmost (10) of these parts by means of a convertible-top bow connection (23).

14. (New) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 13, **characterized in that** the covering is connected to a roof peak, to a convertible-top bow (22), which can move with respect to the lateral frame parts (9) and to the rigid roof area (4) on its upper edge (26) and rear frame part (8), in addition to a convertible-top bow (23) connected to the frontmost (10) of the frame parts.

15. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) with at least one front roof area (6), having a flexible covering (7) in the direction of travel (F), and a rigid rear roof area (4), including a rear window (5),

characterized in that the at least one front roof area (6) includes several lateral frame parts (9; 10) lying one behind the other, which can be folded toward each other, at least in a plurality of essentially horizontal axes, and wherein the lateral frame parts can be covered by the rear roof area (4) in a stored position;

wherein to open the roof, in a first movement phase, the rear roof area (4) can be moved by a first movement mechanism (27a) with the front roof area (6) still closed, with an upward component and, in the position after the movement, a cover part (D) that covers a storage space for the stored roof (2) opens, and then

in a second movement phase the front roof area (6) can be moved by a second movement mechanism (27b) beneath the rear roof area (4) and, together with the second movement mechanism (27b), into the stored position within a body.

16. (New) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 15, **characterized in** that each movement mechanism (27a; 27b) includes a drive device (13; 29), and the drive device (13) of the first movement mechanism (27a) is not operated in the second movement phase and serves as a coupling.

17. (New) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 15, **characterized in** that both movement mechanisms (27a; 27b) are connected to each other through a coupling (28).

18. (New) A convertible vehicle according to Claim 15, **characterized in** that the first movement mechanism (27a) includes a four-link suspension (14; 15; 18; 19) to move the rear roof area (4).

19. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) with at least one front roof area (6), having a flexible covering (7) in the direction of travel (F), and a rigid rear roof area (4), including a rear window (5),

characterized in that the at least one front roof area (6) includes several lateral frame parts (9; 10) lying one behind the other, which can be folded toward each other, at least in a plurality of essentially horizontal axes, and wherein the lateral frame parts can be covered by the rear roof area (4) in a stored position;

wherein to open the roof, in a first movement phase, the rear roof area (4) can be moved by a first movement mechanism (27a), by a lever (20), with the front roof area (6) still closed and, wherein the position of the rear roof area (4) after the movement by the first movement mechanism (27a), a cover part (D) that covers a storage space for the stored roof (2)

opens, and

in a second movement phase the front roof area (6) can be moved by a second movement mechanism (27b) beneath the rear roof area (4) and, together with the second movement mechanism (27b), into the stored position within a body.